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Examiner: Kinfe-Michael Negash

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Applicant(s): Liu, et al. Docket: RIC-97-036
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3988, Attention: Examiner Kinfe-Michael Negash on
December 9, 1999 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(d).


Jubin Datta (Reg. No. 41,400)

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated August 9, 1999 ("Office Action"), please enter the following response in the above-referenced application ("Application"):

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending. The Examiner's remarks in the Office Action have been carefully considered and the foregoing amendments and the following remarks have been made in response thereto.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. More specifically, in paragraph two of the office action the Examiner has indicated that the identifying means, determining means, notification means, as well as the means of claims 12 must be shown or the feature(s) cancelled from the claims. Applicants respectfully point out that all of these elements are shown in the drawing